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## STATE PRESS MAKES NORMAL SCHOOL FIGHT

### Withdrawal of Ashland Brings Publicity of Rumors Current in Kentucky.

Just before going to press last week the news of Ashland's withdrawal from the contest for the Eastern Kentucky Normal School was received. This action precipitated a storm throughout the state and resulted in a burst of publicity that exposed certain unsavory reports that have been current outside of the newspapers ever since the Normal School Commission was proposed.

The Ashland Daily Independent first published these reports in detail, the substance of them being the charge that the commission to locate the school was chosen with the view to having Morehead selected.

The Courier-Journal and Times took up the fight to prevent such action and wind every newspaper in Kentucky to get into the fight and save Kentucky from what appeared to be an impending scandal and injustice. A vigorous protest was made against selecting a site without visiting the applicant cities and against being influenced in a decision by whether or not an applicant had temporary quarters to offer.

The newspapers contend that having waited 15 years for such a school there should be no such feverish haste now, especially at the sacrifice of the proper location.

Morehead is outside of the territory contemplated by the survey commission that made a most exhaustive study of the situation and suggested the establishment of a State normal school in the Big Sandy Valley.

Louisia has the endorsement of several counties, through most of their officials and many citizens, as their choice over Morehead. These are being filed with the commission.

After the controversy in the newspapers had raged a day or two Judge O'Brien invited Ashland to re-enter the contest and the Chamber of Commerce decided to place Ashland in a receptive mood again. The Commission was notified that if Ashland should be selected she would meet the conditions. Louisia is very hopeful of securing the school. With the ideal conditions existing here as a school town, and with all conditions fulfilled, our position undoubtedly is very strong.

F. H. Yates wired the Commission Friday guaranteeing that suitable temporary quarters will be furnished for the school in time for it to open in September if such should be desired. This leaves nothing undone here, so far as we can see.

## Knott County Case Tried in Lexington

Lexington, Ky., June 12.—The closing chapter in the notorious career of Amos Fugate, young Breathitt county feudist and outlaw, who was killed in a pitched battle with prohibition officers in Troublesome creek, Letcher county, several months ago will be told in the United States Court which opens in session here today, when Federal prohibition officers who will appear as prosecuting witnesses in several score whisky law violation cases will go on trial for murder under an indictment returned by the Knott county grand jury.

Following the slaying of Amos Fugate who, officers declare, resisted arrest in a raid on a still last March, two Federal prohibition agents and other officers were indicted in Knott county, but the case was transferred to the Federal Court.

Fugate had served a term in the penitentiary and was a fugitive from justice at the time the officers surrounded him on Troublesome creek.

## MURDER TRIALS AT CATLETTSBURG

The trial of the Claypool murder cases is in progress at Catlettsburg. These cases were transferred from Breathitt county and grew out of the killing of several men on election day last November. A large number of witnesses and attorneys are present. The cases have attracted statewide notice. The particulars of the election day trouble have been reviewed in these columns.

## NAIL DESTROYS EYE OF YOUNG FUL CRPENTER

Pikeville.—Fulton May, 13 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John May, of this city, suffered the loss of an eye while helping his father, who is a carpenter, in the erection of a residence here in which the family is to make their home. A nail he was driving struck him in the eye. The boy was placed under the treatment of Dr. R.W. Raynor, of the Trachoma hospital, who found it necessary to remove the injured eye.

## "UNDER BLUE SKIES."

Don't forget to attend the play "Under Blue Skies" which is to be presented Thursday evening, June 15, at Garden Theater by the Rebekah Lodge of Catlettsburg. It is given under the auspices of Betsy Ross Lodge of Louisville. Music by orchestra. This made such a hit in Catlettsburg that it will be repeated there, and should and no doubt will be well patronized in Louisia.

## Fort Gay N. & W. Agent Delegate to Efficiency Meet.

A. V. Osborn, the popular agent for the N. & W. railway at Fort Gay, W. Va., was recently chosen a member of an efficiency commission that met at Winston-Salem, N. C., June 9th and 10th. He was one of 25 such members representing the Scioto division embracing the lines from Williamson to Columbus and Cincinnati. The convention was made of representatives from all divisions of the great Norfolk & Western system and was known as the "System Freight Handling Efficiency Convention."

The object of the organization is to improve the methods of handling freight business. Discussions and suggestions are made in these meetings that lead to greater efficiency each year. For instance, during the past few years the methods resulting from these meetings have reduced the claims for lost and damaged freight about 40 per cent.

In addition to the interest in the affairs of the convention Mr. Osborn found the trip very pleasant, with many interesting sights.

## Surprise Wedding of Louisa Couple

The marriage of Miss Mary Emily Carey to Mr. Homer E. Chapman took place on last Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Edwards on Lock avenue and was a very quiet affair. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. H. B. Hewlett.

The bride is one of Louisa's pretty girls and is quite popular in her social set. She is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lys Carey of this place.

Mr. Chapman is an industrious young man who for some time has been associated with the Continental Supply Company of Louisia. He is the son of Mrs. John Petry of this place.

For the present they are at the home of the bride's parents and are receiving congratulations and good wishes of many friends for their future happiness.

## CONFEDERATE REUNION.

The reunion of Confederate veterans will be held in Richmond, Virginia, beginning next Saturday. Among those from Louisia who expect to attend are J. W. Yates, W. M. Stone, H. E. Ferguson and R. G. Moore, also John Billups, of Fort Gay.

## AUTO CLUB TO BE ORGANIZED HERE

It has been suggested that a meeting of automobile owners of Lawrence county be called to meet at Louisa on next Monday, county court day, at one o'clock, to organize an automobile club.

The chief object of this movement is to give some help to the task of keeping county roads passable for automobiles. It is proposed to charge at first a membership fee of five dollars. This should bring in a fund of about \$1000 to start with. Committees will be appointed and the roads laid off in districts. It will be the duty of somebody in each district to stop mudholes in their infancy, and to look after other things that happen to the roads. This is a good movement, and by co-operating with county authorities and keeping everlastingly after the roads the results will be surprising.

## MARCUM-WRIGHT.

Mr. Glenn Wright and Miss Virginia Marcum were united in marriage last Thursday evening Rev. B. F. Sperow, pastor of the Kenova Presbyterian church, officiating. The ceremony took place in the home on East Third street previously furnished by the couple and they immediately went to housekeeping in same.

Mrs. Wright is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. F. D. Marcum and is quite popular among a large circle of friends. She taught in the Ceredo schools during the past term and expects to teach again next year.

Mr. Wright is also quite popular. He is employed by the Tri-State Wholesale Grocery Company of Kenova and has the promise of making a successful business man. He is a son of Mrs. Elizabeth Wright and was born and reared in Ceredo.

The ceremony was witnessed only by the immediate relatives of the contracting parties and a few intimate friends. Ceredo Advance.

## BIG SANDY COAL PRICES.

Under an agreement with Mr. Hoover the coal prices for the Big Sandy field are as follows:

The fair net price to consumers for coal from this district was fixed at \$3.25 for slack and screenings; \$3.50 for run of mine, and \$3.75 for lump and prepared sizes. These prices are net and out of them must come the broker's commission and provide for coal direct from mines to consumer and with no re-consumptions.

## BUYS GROCERY STORE.

G. C. Cook who has been store manager for the D. E. Hewitt Company at Kermitt, W. Va., several years has resigned. He has bought a grocery store in Huntington and will take charge of it within a short time. The family moved to Huntington some time ago.

## HORSE THIEF GETS TWO YEARS IN PENITENTIARY

### Grand Jury Reports 210 Indictments and Makes Recommendations.

In the Lawrence Circuit Court Crampton Gilliam was given a sentence of two years in the penitentiary for stealing a horse near Blaine, this county.

The manslaughter charge against Emeritt Taylor was reduced to a misdemeanor and a jail sentence of 30 days was given him. He is a boy about 14 years of age, son of Jason Taylor. He killed Fred Cox, a young son of Lefe Cox, on Donithan about a year ago. Proof showed that the Taylor boy was recklessly handling a gun and it was accidentally discharged. This accounts for reducing the charge.

No indictment was made in the Joe Pruitt murder case, as the evidence was not considered sufficient to fix the crime on any one.

Quite a number of minor cases have been tried. Several persons have been fined for violations of the liquor laws.

The grand jury returned 210 indictments, after examining 324 witnesses. 12 witnesses under bond failed to appear. 76 who were summoned failed to answer. 34 under attachment did not appear. The jury recommended repairs on the jailer's residence. Also, the erection of a steel fence at least 12 feet high around the jail, not closer than ten feet at any point to prevent persons from getting anything through the windows to the prisoners. The jail was reported to be insecure. The public closet and the one in the court house hallway were declared to be unsanitary.

## Ray Wilson and Miss Esta Thompson Wedded

A pretty wedding was solemnized on last Saturday evening in Louisa when Miss Esta Thompson became the bride of Mr. Raymond Wilson. The ceremony took place at half past seven o'clock at the parsonage of the M. E. Church South. The beautiful ring service of this church was used and the words uniting the young couple were impressively spoken by the pastor, the Rev. James D. Bell. Only a few relatives and friends were in attendance, no invitations having been issued.

The bride looked very sweet and girlish attired in white satin. She is an attractive and accomplished young lady, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey Thompson of Ellen. Having attended school here since last fall she has made many friends all of whom welcome her to Louisa.

Mr. Wilson is a young man of high character, highly esteemed by all who know him. He is energetic, trustworthy and industrious and for the past two years has been an employee in the Big Sandy News office. He is the only son of Zeke Wilson of this place.

Following the ceremony the bride and groom drove to the home of her sister, Mrs. D. B. Adams where an ice course was served to the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are at home at the McHenry cottage on Lock avenue where they have gone to housekeeping. Their many friends are wishing them a long life of happiness and prosperity.

## Fire Damages Residence in Louisa Sunday Night

Last Sunday night at 8:30 fire was discovered on the second floor or in the attic of the residence occupied by Jay Collinsworth and family on Madison street and Lock avenue. Evidently it had been burning for some time and quite a fight was necessary to extinguish the flames. The damage is considerable, but is covered by insurance.

The building belongs to Mrs. Robt. Burchett, now living at Wayland. It will be repaired as soon as adjustment is made with the insurance company. Some of Mr. Collinsworth's furniture was damaged also.

In this connection we are requested by Mrs. John Cummings to ask for the return of a flashlight loaned to some one to use in the building after the flames were extinguished.

## Churches and Buildings Caught by Cloud Burst

A cloudburst did great damage at Big Hurricane and Trace Branch in Wayne county, a few miles from Louisa, on Thursday of last week. Hewlett chapel, M. E. Church South, was swept from its foundation and destroyed. Spruce Lick Baptist church was washed off of its foundation. A barn and blacksmith shop were swept away. Pearl Toney's store was badly damaged. Gardens and crops destroyed.

## AIRMAN HUSBAND OF GIRL IN NEWPORT IS IMPOSTER

Newport, Ky., June 10.—Meeting on a train between Cincinnati and Portsmouth, Ohio, Decoration Day, Helen Musser, 18 years old, Newport, and a man who gave his name as Lieut. Harry P. Ross, U. S. Air Service, fell in love and were married Sunday. Friday a message came from the Department of Justice at Chicago saying Ross had been arrested for impersonating an officer following an investigation started by the bride's father.

## Boyd Fiscal Court Makes Appropriation For Road Work

At the regular session of Boyd fiscal court \$24,500 was appropriated by the court toward the improvement and completion of the Mayo trail from the mouth of Laurel to the city limits of Catlettsburg, providing that the state highway commission lets the contract by August 1, to surface the road, with the requirement that one-half be completed by December of this year or one-half by September of next year.

Senator George B. Martin representing the citizens of Catlettsburg in a brief talk explained to the court the necessity of early repair and completion of the road. M. E. S. Posey, division engineer of the state highway department also appeared before the court with regard to certain facts concerning the road.

The court, after careful consideration, ordered that the proposition be submitted to the state highway road commission at Frankfort and that M. E. S. Posey and Ben Williamson be appointed as a committee to go to Frankfort to introduce the order before the commission.

The appropriation as made by the Fiscal court was an exceedingly important step. The unfinished condition of the Mayo Trail from Catlettsburg to the mouth of Laurel has been a subject for much unfavorable discussion by the citizens of Catlettsburg and the residents of the Laurel district for several months. The blame for slow action with reference to the repair of the road has been placed at the feet of the state highway commission.

On several different occasions committees have been sent from this county to Frankfort in order to appear before the commission and secure information as to when the commission would begin work toward the surfacing of the highway which, according to the terms of their contract should have been done several months ago. These committees returned from Frankfort, their mission having met with little or no success. Complaints flowed into the Fiscal court from rural residents living along the Mayo Trail, which bore evidence of the fact that they were very much dissatisfied with the condition of road. Statements from them revealed the fact that on certain occasions the road was practically impassable and that it was an utter impossibility to get to the county seat by this route.

It was ordered by the court that if land owners along the route of the proposed roadway from West Ashland to Fairview would give a right of way 50 feet wide and build a fence along same, the county would open up and establish the road as proposed.—Ashland Independent.

## MIDLAND TRAIL WORK SPEEDED

### 212 Miles of Road in Kentucky Nearly Completed; Delegates From 4 States There.

Frankfort, Ky., June 10.—The Midland Trail through Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky and Indiana, is rapidly being completed, delegates gathered here today at a meeting of the eastern division of this national highway were told by speakers from the various States.

Good progress is being made on the highway in Virginia and West Virginia. Kentucky has most of the road in excellent condition and within a short time the entire section through Indiana will be completed, it was stated.

Joe S. Boggs, State highway engineer, and Green Garret, chairman of the commission, spoke for Kentucky. Mr. Boggs said that the 212 miles of the highway in Kentucky with the exception of forty-five miles had some kind of a hard surface on it.

Mr. Garret spoke of the need of county aid in building the remaining portion of the highway and incidentally said that the commission now had offers from counties in the State of \$4,200,000 with which to match Federal aid funds.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Arion Boyd, 20, to Lena Boyd, 17, of Richardson.  
Archie S. Wilson, 34 to Mary Compton, 21, of Louisa.  
W. M. Sexton, 22, of Drift, to Sylvia Cox 19, of Louisa, R. F. D.  
A. R. Williams, 40, of Louisville, to Mona Sturgill, 35, of Louisa.  
Thomas Baugh, 21, to Pearl Witten, 22, of Zelida.  
George W. Damron, 19, to Mary J. Brumfield, 16, of Webb, W. Va.  
Lace Pauley, 21, of Webb, W. Va., to Brookie Maynard, 16, of Cassie, W. Va.

## RETURNS FROM ALASKA.

Sam Lambert, brother of Attorney Jas. T. Lambert of Wayne who has been in the United States army for many years will retire from the service sometime this year on pension, having been on duty the required number of years to warrant retirement, says the Wayne, W. Va., News. Lambert is at present serving in Alaska and will return by way of Los Angeles sometime this season. J. T. Lambert plans to meet him in California.

## CENTRE COLLEGE GRADUATE.

Jack Cottle Cockrell of Prestonsburg is one of the twenty-nine graduates at Centre College, Danville, this year.

## WILL STUDY EUROPE'S TRADE CONDITIONS



Col. Michael Friedsam, head of B. Altman & Co., New York, was selected by President Harding to investigate the trade conditions of Europe. Colonel Friedsam, when head of the Fair Price Commission, was once asked how the people might know when they were getting fair prices, and instantly replied, "Read advertising."

## City Council Elects Lafe Cooksey to Vacancy

At the June meeting of the city council the usual amount of routine work was done.

The resignation of Carl Picklesimer as a member of the council was presented and accepted. Lafe Cooksey, one of our merchants, was elected to the vacancy. Mr. Picklesimer has moved to Ashland.

The city clerk was directed to place the 1922 tax book in the hands of the marshal for collection.

A number of property owners have heretofore been ordered to build sidewalks and several have failed to do so. An order was made directing the proper city officials to advertise and let contracts in all such cases where the work is not started by the property owners by July 6. The cost of the work will be collected from the property owners.

The United Fuel Gas Company was ordered to lower all gas lines in Italy suburb sufficiently to permit proposed improvement of the streets.

The property holders on the south side of Wallace street will build a concrete sidewalk four feet wide.

R. L. Vinson and Rice McClure were ordered to build a sidewalk on Jefferson street opposite the passenger depot.

Four-foot walks were ordered laid on upper Lock avenue by W. M. Chambers, L. D. Fyffe, J. N. Boggs, Peter Albers, Kenis Compton, Henry Lockhard, E. E. Shannon, Arlie Weaver and John Jeems.

## Result of Teachers Examination in May

In the teachers examination which was held May 19th and 20th in Louisa there were 61 applicants. Four received first class certificates and twenty received second class. 37 failed to make sufficient grades. Those making first class grades were F. W. Burton, Arthur Morris, Mrs. Clara L. Endicott and Estill Barker.

Second Class.—Millard Frazier, Rose Frazier, Ethel Swetnam, Mrs. Lindsey Collinsworth, Amanda Sutton, George Reynolds, Madge Hays, John W. Perkins, Clyde W. Curlette, Homer Ball, Bertrand Holbrook, Gypsy Miller, Ora L. Boggs, Minnie D. Webb, Ethel R. Thompson, Nannie Steele, Dewey E. Moore, S. D. Moore.

## Paintsville School Teachers Selected

The Board of Education of the Paintsville Graded School District has selected the following teachers for the school year of 1922-23:

W. C. Brandenburg, Supt.  
Mrs. Emily Barry Walker and Miss Alice Tague, High School.

Grade Teachers—Harvey Dorton, Clifford Pace, Miss Elizabeth May, Miss Ethel Preston, Miss Anna Hill, Miss Elva Perry, Miss Ruth Walters, Miss Madge Stafford and Miss Hazel Wheeler.

One other teacher with a degree will be employed for the High School.

There will also be one or two more grade teachers employed.

The school board will have two additional rooms finished for use this year.—Paintsville Herald.

## DRIVE TO CANADA TO ATTEND CONVENTION

Messrs. A. C. Preston, G. T. Conley, Lafe Chaffin, E. A. Hansbarger and Mingo P. Keadle plan to leave next Sunday from Huntington in the former's car for an extensive automobile trip. They will drive through to Toronto, Canada, and after attending the big Kiwanis convention will go on to Boston, New York and Washington.—Williamson News.

## FOURTH OF JULY GAME.

By far the most interesting baseball games of the season will be the double header played here July 4. The opposing team will be Neal, W. Va. As these two teams have played before and now stand one to one a hard struggle is expected. Also, there will be several races and other features held at the ball park on that day. A large crowd is expected.

## KENTUCKY HAS MORE COAL THAN ANY OTHER STATE

### Eastern Part of State Not Far Behind All of Pennsylvania in Coal Acreage.

There is but little anthracite coal produced in the United States, outside of the State of Pennsylvania. In fact, Pennsylvania produces, as well, far more bituminous, or soft coal, than any other State in the Union. Next to Pennsylvania in the production of bituminous coal, comes the State of West Virginia. Kentucky follows not so far behind, while eastern Tennessee produces coal in considerable quantity.

It is not generally known that the State of Kentucky has more square miles of bituminous coal territory than is found in the State of Pennsylvania. Eastern Kentucky alone has about 10,000 square miles of bituminous coal territory, while the whole State of Pennsylvania has but about 14,000 square miles.

Coal operators, or the great bulk of them, in Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee and eastern Kentucky, have agreed that, during the strike, they will not charge more than \$3.50 per ton for coal at the mines.

Operators in the State of Alabama will accept a rate of 25 cents a ton below the Garfield scale in that district which means a maximum price now of from \$2.20 to \$2.60 a ton.

Coal operators in Western Kentucky are demanding \$4.25 a ton for their coal. It is claimed by them that it cost them more to produce their coal than in other fields.

About 80 per cent of the present production fields have agreed to the \$3.50 a ton rate, so the public can feel reasonably assured that coal will climb to no such prices as took place in the last coal "pinch," since retail coal dealers are likewise to be held in check. The weekly production of bituminous coal is not far from 5,000,000 tons. The Supreme Court, just before its adjournment for the usual summer vacation, handed down an opinion in the case of The United Mine Workers of America vs. Coronado Coal Co. of Arkansas, which is regarded in labor circles, as a severe blow to Labor Unions.

The court, in effect, decided that labor unions, as such, although unincorporated, could be sued for damages to property during strikes originated by the unions.

Several years ago the Supreme Court in the famous Danbury Hatters case decided that the unions were liable for strike damages. Since that time Congress has undertaken to exempt labor unions from the operation of the Sherman-Anti-Trust law, but the decision of the Court in the Coronado Coal Company case, puts them clearly within its provisions and holds that the labor unions may be prosecuted for restraint of interstate commerce. The decision is far reaching.

## Henry Hatcher Dies Sunday in Louisville

The death of Henry Hatcher prominent Sandy Valley citizen occurred at a Louisville hospital at three o'clock Sunday morning of heart trouble. He had been taken to Louisville last Friday by his wife and brother-in-law, Dr. Carl Fritchard of Harold. Mr. Hatcher was a prominent business man of Harold. He was a son of the late Kenas Hatcher and Mrs. Nan Johns-Hatcher. He was married a few years ago to Miss Margaret Davidson of Prestonsburg and is survived by her and the following children: Anna Mary, Samuel Kenas, Vivian and James, also by his mother, Mrs. Nan Hatcher, two sisters, Mrs. Carl Fritchard of Harold and Mrs. Octavia Slemm Hamlin of Big Stone Gap, Va., and Mrs. Lucy Caldwell and by two brothers, George and Grover of Harold. The body was taken to Harold on the evening train Monday.

## BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Nigal Berry celebrated his 15th birthday anniversary last Friday evening by giving a wienie roast to twenty-one of his young friends.

The jolly party ascended the beautiful reservoir hill to an ideal spot, it being a knoll covered with daisies. After a short rest from the hard climb a fire was kindled and all gathered around, each with a wienie to roast. After the feast games were enjoyed in the moonlight until about 10:30 when they wended their way down the hill to the little city.

The party was chaperoned by Mrs. Clyde Miller, Mrs. Jim Carey, Mrs. J. B. Kinsler, Mrs. Will Berry and Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Plummer.

## CLERK, POSTOFFICE.

Due to advancement of the Louisa post office to second class an examination for clerk will be held July 1, in Louisa.

Those desiring to take the examination should write or see Harry H. Roberts, temporary local secretary, Louisa, Ky., at once.

## BODY RECOVERED.

Greenup, Ky., June 10.—The body of John Sparks, who was drowned Wednesday noon at Dam No. 20, below Greenup, was recovered Thursday afternoon some few feet below the spot where he sank. Dynamite was used to raise the body.